GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24/11/15
Term 4 Week 8

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OFFICE HOURS
8.00AM—3.20PM

POINTS OF INTEREST

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DIARY DATES

TERM 4
TUE 6TH OCT - FRI 4TH DEC
12 NOON FINISH

WED 25 NOV

SCHOOL BANKING 8.00AM

GCPS TALENT SHOW 1.40PM

FRI 27 NOV

WORLD CUP SOCCER GRAND FINAL

MON 30 NOV

YR 6 GRADUATION PHOTO 5.45PM
MASS 6.00PM
DINNER 7.30PM

TUE 1 DEC

HANDBALL FINALS

WED 2 DEC

FINAL TUCKSHOP DAY

THU 3 DEC

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRI 4 DEC

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 9.00AM
SCHOOL CONCLUDES

Principal's Column

Dear Parents,

When I stop and reflect on 2015 at Good Counsel Primary I firstly ask myself where has the year gone? I am made very aware of our strong school community and the commitment of all staff to the education of our students. What many do not see are the hours of preparation Teachers and Support Staff do behind the scenes organising for their week and the extra time they put in to assist the struggling student; the student who needs some extension work; the coaching of School and District teams; the setting up of art displays or the co-ordinating of visiting performers or presenters. The genuine care and concern shown by staff is second to none and is what makes Good Counsel Primary School different from other schools. The difference is expressed through liturgy, social justice initiatives, excursions, camps, dress-up days, our SEL Awards, assemblies, sporting events, social evenings and discos. Throughout the year we have had many such events which provided opportunities for all our students to shine. These events and activities are what students cherish and remember above the day to day classroom teaching. Please take the time to read the attachment to the newsletter "2015 in Review" which outlines some, but not all of the activities our students have been involved in this year. Thankyou to all staff, parents and students who organised, assisted or participated in any of the events listed.

At this time it is always sad to see students and teachers finish at Good Counsel Primary School. Next year, two teachers will take up new opportunities in District schools. Miss Kirsty Keough will be taking up a permanent position at St Clare's Tully teaching Year 2. Kirsty came to us as a beginning teacher in 2013 and has taught Year 5 for two years and 3/4 this year. Kirsty has certainly grown as a teacher and will be missed by staff, parents and students. Mr Adrian Conroy will next year take up the position of Principal at Radiant Life College. Adrian and his family moved from the Northern Territory in mid 2014. Adrian has been a relief teacher in most classes at Good Counsel Primary School and completed a six month contract in Year 2/3 as well as six months in Year 4 this year. It has been fantastic to have a male influence in the middle primary years. He will be missed by all around the school. We wish both Kirsty and Adrian every success in their future positions. We also farewell our 35 Year 6 students who are about to embark on a new adventure - Secondary Education. I have enjoyed working with this, our smallest group of senior students for some years and have found them to be a very friendly and outgoing group who have many creative ideas. They are a polite and caring group who love to be active. They have led our School well during 2015 as our Student Leaders. Over the past term they have matured and are ready for high school and all its challenges and opportunities.

In 2016 we have Mrs Amber Di Carlo returning for two days per week after being away on Parental Leave. We also have employed two graduate teachers - Miss Emily Tibbs who comes from Cairns and Miss Kiara Adamson from Mareeba. Emily completed her study at JCU Cairns while Kiara completed her Teaching Degree at JCU Townsville. Both have a passion for teaching and are excited about joining us here at Good Counsel. Next year we will welcome approximately 20 new students across all classes as well as 50 Prep students.

Next year's Student Leaders (Year 5) spent Thursday last week participating in team building activities, leadership challenges and reflecting on their call to leadership. Those nominating for positions then wrote and delivered a speech to the group prior to voting for our School Captains, Colour House Captains and Student Council representatives. Announcement of these positions will occur at Monday's Leadership Assembly where the current School Leaders will hand over to the 2016 Captains, Student Council and Colour Captains.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fri 27 Nov
World Cup Soccer Grand Final
Mon 30 Nov
Handball Finals 2.30pm Blue Covered Area
Report Cards sent home
Yr 6 Graduation - 5.45pm Photos
6.00pm Mass MoGC Church
7.30pm Dinner (Brothers)
Tue 1 Dec
2016 Classes and Booklists
Thu 3 Dec
Christmas Concert 6.30pm
Fri 4 Dec
End of Year Mass 9.00am
School officially concludes after countdown 12pm.

Regards Liam

Religious Life of the School—Week 8

Mini Vinnies Hampers Prayer Assembly...

Thank you to the Mini Vinnies for organising the basket labels for each class' Christmas Hamper given out at Friday's Prayer Assembly…
never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have. Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and children who participate in Saturday's 6:30pm Mass at Mother of Good Counsel.
The tremendous support of the St Vincent de Paul Choir was much appreciated by the group. Thank you Tayla Holdcroft—6B Mini Vinnies President and the honorary Mini Vinnies —Ashton Vecchio, Savannah Vecchio, Isabella Marmara, Rhiannon Marmara, Emma Onaindia, Kaitlin Onaindia, Alexis Onaindia, Shyrol Antony, Alicia Kuhn, Marcia Kuhn and Ella-Rose.

Nativity Scene...

Thank you Fr Kerry for the figurines which have now found their new Advent home at GCPS in Music Room corridor.

Yours in Catholic Education- Maria Caltabiano Mrs C.
Assistant Principal Religious Education & Administration

2015 Calendar

TERM 4...

Wed 25.11 2AL Poetry Recital Theatrette 9:00am
GCPS Talent Show 1:40pm Blue Area
Fri 27.11 Preps & Yr 1 Prayer Assembly
Mon 30.11 Leadership Assembly 8:40am Blue Area
Thu 03.12 GCPS Christmas Concert
Fri 04.12 End of School Mass MoGC Church 9:00am

2016 Calendar

TERM 1...

Mon 25.01. PUPIL FREE DAY
Tue 26.01 Australia Day Public Holiday
Wed 27.01 Term 1 School commences
—Prep & Yr 1 check class letters.
Wed 10.02 Ash Wednesday
Thu 24.03 Term 1 ends
Fri 25.03 Good Friday
Sun 27.03 Easter Sunday
Mon 28.03 Easter Monday

TERM 2...

Mon 11.04 Term 2 commences
Mon 02.05 Qld Labour Day Holiday
Mon 25.04 ANZAC DAY
Fri 24.06 Term 2 ends

TERM 3...

Mon 11.07 Term 3 commences
Fri 15.07 INNISFAIL Show Holiday
Fri 16.09 Term 3 ends

TERM 4...

Mon 03.10 Queen's Birthday
Tue 04.10 Term 4 commences
Fri 02.12 Term 4 ends

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Term 4 Week 7 Recipients *Program Achieve:*

6H	Caitlyn Phillips	*Getting Along*
6H	Isabella Satchwill	*Getting Along*
6H	Sophie Laksa	*Getting Along*
6B	Tayla Holdcroft	*Organisation*
5GH	Beth Mansfield	*All Keys*
4/5H	Issac Stagg	*Getting Along*
4/5H	Elizabeth Hudson	*Emotional Resilience*
4PC	Jessika Kenderick	*Persistence*
4PC	Leah Peake	*Persistence*
3/4K	Braeden Johnson	*All Keys*
3Y	Lucia Gullo	*Confidence*
3Y	Jude Constantine	*Persistence*
2WH	Kayani-Karyn Kawiri	*All Keys*
2WH	Ryan Millard	*All Keys*
1S	Trinity Lee	*Persistence*
1S	Kyra Locastro	*Persistence*
1S	Jasdeep Rehal	*Persistence*
1G	Jase Braun	*Emotional Resilience*
1G	Thomas Van Bael	*Emotional Resilience*
PFD	Scarlett Tabone	*Organisation*
PFD	Claire McDonald	*Emotional Resilience*
PC	Sienna Di Carlo	*All Keys*
PC	Alex Pensini	*Persistence*
PC	Gurmaan Singh	*Organisation*

tuckshop

LINDA IS LOOKING FOR HELPERS FROM 9AM–11.00AM

PLEASE SIGN IN AT FRONT OFFICE

WED	25 NOV	.....HELP NEEDED
FRI	27 NOV	AMANDA FERGUSON
MON	30 NOV	..... HELP NEEDED

If you can help out at any time even for an hour during

Regular times for sale of uniforms are
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY
8.00–8.30am and
11.00am –12.30pm
$10 Interschool Sports Shirt now available

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS are now due back at school.

Payment for lost library books can be made directly to the office by no later than Friday November 27th so that Mrs Farina can complete her stocktake.

Any student interested in participating in a Christmas Colouring Competion run by Honeycombes Sales & Service please see the office for an entry form.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 3rd Dec
6.30pm
Blue covered area

More information to following next week

Innisfail Junior Theatre Group is Starting up again in 2016
Enrolment dates; 1st,4th,8th,9th,& 11th February
Times; 3pm to 5pm on those dates
Location is Across from the con at the Innisfail Cultural Complex Society building down a driveway look for sign-age.
Costs: $50 per child per term
$80 2 children per term
$100 3 or more children per term.. plus there is a $5 per child or $20 per Family Annual Membership fee. If you have any enquires please don't hesitate to con-tact Erika on ph. no. 0434149568/email

REMINDER!!!!
TERM FEES

Term 4 fees are now overdue. Please check your email for fee statements

Should you not have received your Invoice by email please advise the office immediately.

A reminder that every family will receive a fee statement eg: direct debit, families on remissions etc to keep you informed of your current balance.

For direct deposits please use your Reference No 973……. (ask at office or note on bottom of invoice) to ensure that monies are paid against correct family.

PAYMENTS OVER THE INTERNET NEED TO ENSURE USE OF FAMILY CODE AND EMAIL/FAX CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT TO OUR OFFICE ON 40612271.

2016 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

MON 18 JAN
9.00AM - 2.00PM
WED 20 JAN
9.00AM - 2.00PM
FRI 22 JAN
9.00AM - 2.00PM

School Banking Day Reminder

Don't forget that Wednesday 25 Nov is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.
Banking co-ordinators who will be sitting in the breezeway from 8.00 - 8.30am. Bring in your banking and collect your points!!!